# TAX REFUNDS WON BY 2,000 AT KOHLER

and workers who walked the pick- fund claims which were held in et line at the Kohler Co. here and abeyance while the test case was received strike benefits from the moving through the courts. Auto Workers will share more than \$1 million in federal income tax refunds.

The Internal Revenue Service's district office in Milwaukee said the decision to refund taxes paid on strike assistance given by the union was based on a test case the UAW won in the Supreme Court last year.

Refunds up to \$2,000 be mailed to claimants within the

funds to nearly 1,500 CWA mem-bers who received strike benefits

Last month, in another ruling based on the Supreme Court decision in the Kohler case, the government said it would not contest a test suit brought by the Communications Workers which is expected to pave the way for re-

during 1956. In both the UAW and the CWA The refund checks, ranging as cases, benefits were paid to strikhigh as \$2,000 in some cases, will ers on the basis of individual need -one of the criteria used by the next two months, the IRS said. Internal Revenue Service in decid-With the help of their union, the ling whether benefits are esesn-

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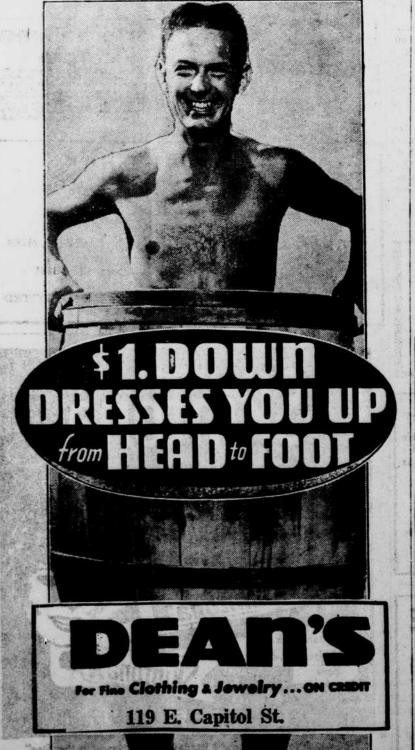


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#### **Posner Wins Brotherhood Award**



During Brotherhood Week, Reverend Martin Luther King, noted leader in interracial equality and Mr. Hamilton Posner of New York, well known manufacturer of cosmetics, received Brotherhood Awards given by the Chicago Conference of Brotherhood for the work done by them in bettering interracial relations. Dr. King and Mr. Posner were the two posnes cleated for these and Mr. Posner were the two persons selected for these awards who live outside of Chicago. These awards were given to them at a dinner at which Dr. King was principal guest speaker.

A tremendous dinner audience was held spellbound for more than an hour and at his conclusion Dr. King was given a standing ovation which lasted at least five minutes.

In his remarks, Dr. King made many references to the wonderful work that the Posner Company is doing and has always done to further better interracial relations.

#### Kennedy's Economic Aide Warn Of 'Chronic Slack' In Jobs, Production

of Pres. Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisers, has told Con-

Heller told the Joint Economic

Heller viewed the current recession as a symptom of basic trouble. More serious in the long run, he riously, Heller continued, it would cipals in the price-fixing, be told the committee, is the "chronic be in order to consider a speed-up rigging anti-trust conspiracy. slack" in jobs, production and the in government construction, expotential rate of growth - "the growing gap between what we can produce and what we do produce."

"Whenever it occurs," Heller said, "the reversal of the recession is only the beginning, not the end, of the task of restoring momentum to the American economy."

Heller, a former University of Minnesota economics professor said that even if the gross national product in the last quarter of 1961 hit an all-time record of 3.5 percent above 1960's fourth quarter -an \$18 million gain-"the unemployment problem would still be of

tially a "gift" and not taxable or whether payments are to be considered taxable income.

senting facts "substantially like" ary boom. those in the Kohler test case.

6-3 Decision

The Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision last June, ruled that benefits paid to Allen Kaiser, a nonunion member who joined the strike called by the UAW in 1954, could be considered as "generosity" related to need and "not as

a recompense for striking." The case reached the Supreme Court after a trial court judge had overruled a federal jury which had agreed with the UAW's claim that the benefits paid to Kaiser were not taxable. An appellate court also reversed the judge and upheld the jury's verdict.

IRS, in adopting the broad criteria of the court decision, also stated that tax exemption could still be granted if benefits were restricted to union members. It said each case would have to be considered separately in relation to the form and amount of benefits, other income of the individual, conditions of payment and availability of public assistance.

An attorney for UAW Local 833 at Kohler, Max Raskin, said the union hoped that Congress will specifically exempt all strike benefits from taxation so that other workers would not have to fight in the courts to get their refund claims upheld.

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Dr. Walter W. Heller, chairman roughly the same magnitude as

gress an economic upturn "may to the labor force rose to 7 per-come in the next few months." cent by the year's end, he added, "But I want to emphasize," government fiscal policies would Committee, "that if it develops it concern." The Labor Dept. subwill be just the beginning of the sequently announced the jobless of mid-February.

> If unemployment worsens senanded federal housing and tax reductions. "Temporary income-tax reduc-

tant methods for further economic stimulus," he noted.

Heller cautioned that "the road State Labor

to full recovery is a long one" and described full recovery as the nation's potential "to produce the goods and create the jobs the country needs."

Earlier this year, the IRS an- because of "misplaced fears of nounced a modification of its pol- bad timing." This was a refericy on taxation of strike benefits, ence to the fear that anti-recesdeclaring it would exempt assist- sion actions might have a delayed ance given to strikers in cases pre- effect and aggravate an inflation-

Such a risk is smaller in 1961 than in prior recessions, Heller went on, because of the Administration's higher goals. The need for higher goals is implicit in the current gap of \$50 billion between what the economy is actually producing and what it can produce. He put the gap at about \$30 to \$355 billion for 1960 or 6 to 7 percent of the national debt.

Heller was flanked by council members Kermit Gordon and Jas. Tobin as he discussed his 56-page prepared statement.

#### **Reports Due** From 75,000 **Welfare Plans**

has reminded administrators of welfare and pension plans that annual financial reports are required by law to be filed with the Dept. of Labor no later than April 30. About 75,000 plans, more than half the total on file, have fiscal years ending Dec. 31. Annual reports of their financial operations are required under the Welfare and Pension Plans Disclosure Act than merely a national group. to be filed within 120 days of the end of their fiscal year, or by

Financial reporting forms (D-2) for these plans were sent to administrators last November. Requests for additional forms, or for information on the Act, should be addressed to: Division of Wel-fare and Pension Reports, Bu-

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CONTINGUTAL FERTURES

CAREY ASKS CLEANUP IN

**BUSINESS ADVISORY UNIT** Pres. James B. Carey of the he will let the Business Advisory Electrical, Radio & Machine Work- Council itself decide whether Corers has called on Commerce Sec. diner should continue as chair have to be viewed "with great Luther H. Hodges to strip his deconcern." The Labor Dept. sub-partment's Business Advisory sequently announced the jobless Council of its functions if it fails rate had risen to 6.8 percent as to remove Ralph J. Cordiner, head of the board of General Electric Co., which was one of the principals in the price-fixing, bid-Carey took sharp exception to a

reported statement by Hodges that

# tion offers one of the most impor-**Relations Units**

Labor Sec. Arthur J. Goldberg has urged state governments to Until recovery is achieved, Hel- create tripartite advisory commitler contended, "the success of fis- tees of labor, management and ler contended, "the success of fisters of labor, management to cal and budget policies cannot be public representatives similar to measured by whether the budget the one Pres. John F. Kennedy has then we believe it is your duty to then we believe it is your duty to is in the black or in the red." established by executive order.

discuss economic, employment and legislative matters, Goldberg said that such state committees would be "conducive to better labor-management relations.'

In his executive order setting up the 21-member advisory committee, Kennedy gave it the task of making recommendations "with respect to policies that may be followed by labor, management or the public which will promote free and responsible collective bargaining, industrial peace, sound wage and price policies, higher standards of living and increased productivity."

The President gave the committee the immedate tasks of forging recommendations on "policies designed to ensure that American products are competitive in world markets," aand to study "the benefits and problems created by automation and other technological advances."

Kennedy directed all executive departments and agencies of the federal government "to cooperate with the committee and to furnish Labor Sec. Arthur J. Goldberg it such information and assitance" as it may require.

Says State Action Needed Goldberg, designated by Kennedy to serve as chairman of the advisory committee for the first year, told the state labor officials that "comparable action" at the state level was needed because "the problems are so varied and so complex" that there is need for more Communications Workers Pres

Joseph A. Bierne hailed Kennedy's April 1. The act contains no provision for granting extensions of time for filing or for excusing late filing.

Soseph A. Bettle latter advisory action in creating the advisory commission and pledged his union's full cooperation. "Labor-management relations in the side of the cooperation of the co economic change," he said, "need the carefully considered recommendations of a group of leading Americans such as comprise the committee.

reau of Labor Standards, U. S. Dept. of Labor, 916 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.



"I find it difficult to understand you apparent belief that you can wash your hands of this affair," Carey wrote.

Quoting a statement by Pres. Kennedy that agencies of the government will be concerned "about the problems of conflicts of interest and monopolistic practices conducted in the American business community," Carey said the Commerce Dept. is "clearly" one of the agencies which should be so con-

He added that if the Business Advisory Council "should flaunt its disdain for public opinion by refusing to remove Cordiner from his office as chairman, as well as removing his company and any other electrical company which deprive the council of all preroga-Discounts Risks

Heller argued that the government and Congress "should not shrink" from launching projects discuss economic, employment and congress "should not shrink" from launching projects discuss economic, employment and congress to discuss economic. semi-official status."

# 7 Graphic Art **Plan for Unity**

An inter-union committee began drafting a plan for labor unity in the printing, paper and related industries at its first meeting and has scheduled another two-day session, April 11-12, also in Wash-The 14-man group representing

seven unions chose Ellis T. Baker. director of research and information for the Newspaper Guild, as

The committee is an arm of the Presidents' Committee of the Allied Printing & Related Trades, formed a year ago by leaders of international unions in the graphic arts industry to coordinate their activities and to explore plans for eventual unity. The president also have a legislative subcommittee which is compaigning in the states



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#### **Church Group Endorses CWA** In NLRB Vote

New York-Support of the Comnunications Workers in a runoff lic Trade Unionists.

In a statement, the board noted away from ineffective company unionism" when a majority voted for purposes as possible.

AFL-CIO unions in a recent elec- The Peanut Has Many Uses tion conducted by the National Labor Relations Board. "It is our earnest hope," the

off election the step will be combona fide national unionism within the AFL-CIO."

nation of a powerful nationwide total volume. corporation." In the first NLRB election, un-

ion-favoring employes split their March.
votes between CWA and the Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The runoff election, by mailed bal-lots, began Feb. 17 and will con-

of professional strikebreakers. Baker said the working com-

mittee named to prepare a specific blueprint for unity will submit its report directly to the Presidents' Committee and will issue no interim statements. .

#### CAPITOL NEWS **MISSISSIPPI**

Wise Use of Basic Resource Mississippi's wealth and advancement, as well as that of the nation as a whole, are due in large measure to natural resources such election, now being conducted am- as fertile soil, ample water supong 18,000 plant employes of the ply, great forests, mineral deposits New York Telephone Co., has been and abundant wildlife, These rerecommended by the executive sources must be used wisely if board of the Association of Catho- Mississippi is to enjoy continued progress. In view of mounting demands, it is essential that natural that New York plant employes took resources as forests and ranges, the "first major step in breaking lakes and streams, shorelines, and away from ineffective company un-

The peanut has many uses. It is the basis for many cosmetics, shaving creams, and hair lotions; ACTU board said, "that in the run- and peanut oil is widely used in chemistry and in commercial enpleted by an overwhelming vote for terprises. As matters now stand, peanut production is not exactly a short cut to wealth, but Missis-The statement said the ACTU sippi's soil and climate are most board is convinced that, only by favorable for this phase of agricombining the resources of the culture. Peanut production is a CWA and the united labor move- good source of cash income for ment can New York plant employ- Mississippi growers, although outes "free themselves from the domi- ranked by several other states in

ACTU sponsors trade union schools and forums. In 1950 it awarded its Quadragesimo Anno medal to CWA Pres. Joseph Beirne for his work as an active unionist, and Canadian provinces for laws to and for his "peaceful and fruitful han the recruiting and employment efforts" to advance the economic and social status of telephone workers.

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